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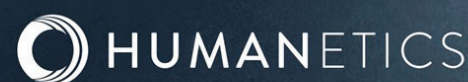
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CRASH TEST DUMMIES

MADE IN HURON, OH



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Humanetics Celebrates Major Milestones

Humanetics Celebrates 30 Years of Manufacturing in Erie County, Ohio - Helping to Save Lives Worldwide

Humanetics, the world's premier manufacturer of anthropomorphic test devices (ATDs) - commonly known as crash test dummies - is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary of operations in Erie County, Ohio, and its 15th year in Huron, Ohio.

Humanetics' origins trace back to the 1950s, when Samuel Alderson created the first crash test dummy. Since then, the company has developed over 40 types of ATDs, ranging from newborns to large adults, including an entire suite of child and female devices. Crash test dummies were first produced in 1991 in Milan, Ohio. The operation experienced substantial growth, prompting the transition to a more expansive manufacturing site in Huron to accommodate the increasing demand.

Located in Erie County, the 45,000 square foot facility was the first of its kind, designed specifically for the manufacturing of crash test dummies. It features a state-of-the-art machining center, advanced vinyl and rubber molding systems, and a centrally located dummy certification lab spanning 4,500 square feet. The facility's advanced environmental controls ensure the production of consistent, high-quality components, setting a new standard in the industry.

As a celebration of Humanetics' 15-year presence in Huron, the company recently raised a billboard on Route 2 close to the Rye Beach Road exit. Christopher O'Connor, President and CEO of Humanetics, explains, "We wanted to remind the Huron community that the safety design of every vehicle in the world has been tested with a crash test dummy that originates in Huron. Millions of lives have been saved by these devices, meticulously manufactured here in Huron. It's hard not to be proud of that."

"We employ more than 120 of the area's best operators and brightest engineers at our Huron facility. The automotive heritage of the region supports the company and offers a wide range of career opportunities for engineers, technicians, software professionals, and high-tech manufacturing specialists," says Human Resources Manager, Heather Aschemeier. "Many manufacturing positions at Humanetics do not require previous experience, as the company provides comprehensive on-the-job training for roles including machinists, molders, welders, assemblers, quality technicians, laboratory technicians, and global shipping and receiving staff."

Since 1990, advancements in vehicle safety technologies, notably seat belts and airbags, have played a pivotal role in saving lives on the road. Estimates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggest that these features, along with rigorous crash testing involving Humanetics' ATDs, have been instrumental in saving hundreds of thousands of lives. The dedicated teams at our Huron facility have been crucial in producing the tools that allow the integration of these life-saving technologies into modern vehicles, underscoring our commitment to enhancing road safety.

To commemorate its 15th year of manufacturing ATDs in Huron, Ohio, Humanetics has erected a billboard on Route 2 east before the Rye Beach road exit. This milestone not only celebrates the company's achievements in vehicle safety but also reinforces its ongoing search for local talent to join its mission of saving lives.

As a proud member of the Huron community, Humanetics looks forward to continuing its legacy of innovation and community involvement for many years to come.

Save the DATE

June

Monday, June 10

Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)
5:30 pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 11

City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Friday, June 14

FLAG DAY

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth
Administrative Offices - CLOSED

June (cont)

Tuesday, June 25

City Council Work Session
5:30 pm Council Chambers
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers
Public Hearing
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 26

Planning Commission
5:00 pm in Council Chambers

July

Wednesday, July 3

Utilities Committee
5:00 pm in Council Chambers

July (cont)

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day
Administrative Offices - CLOSED

Monday, July 8

Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)
5:30 pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 9

City Council Work Session
5:30 pm Council Chambers
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

July (cont)

Wednesday, July 17

Planning Commission
5:00 pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 23

City Council Work Session
5:30 pm Council Chambers
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

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SUMMER 2024

Huron Waterfront Parks Plan Being Considered

Some of the City of Huron's greatest assets are their public parks and beaches. The City is fortunate to have eight (8) designated public parks within a 7.91 square mile footprint. One of Huron's Vision 2020 Master Plan objectives is to maximize the coastal resources.

To follow through with maximizing our coastal resources staff applied for a Coastal Management Assistance Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to undertake long-term improvements and connectivity planning.

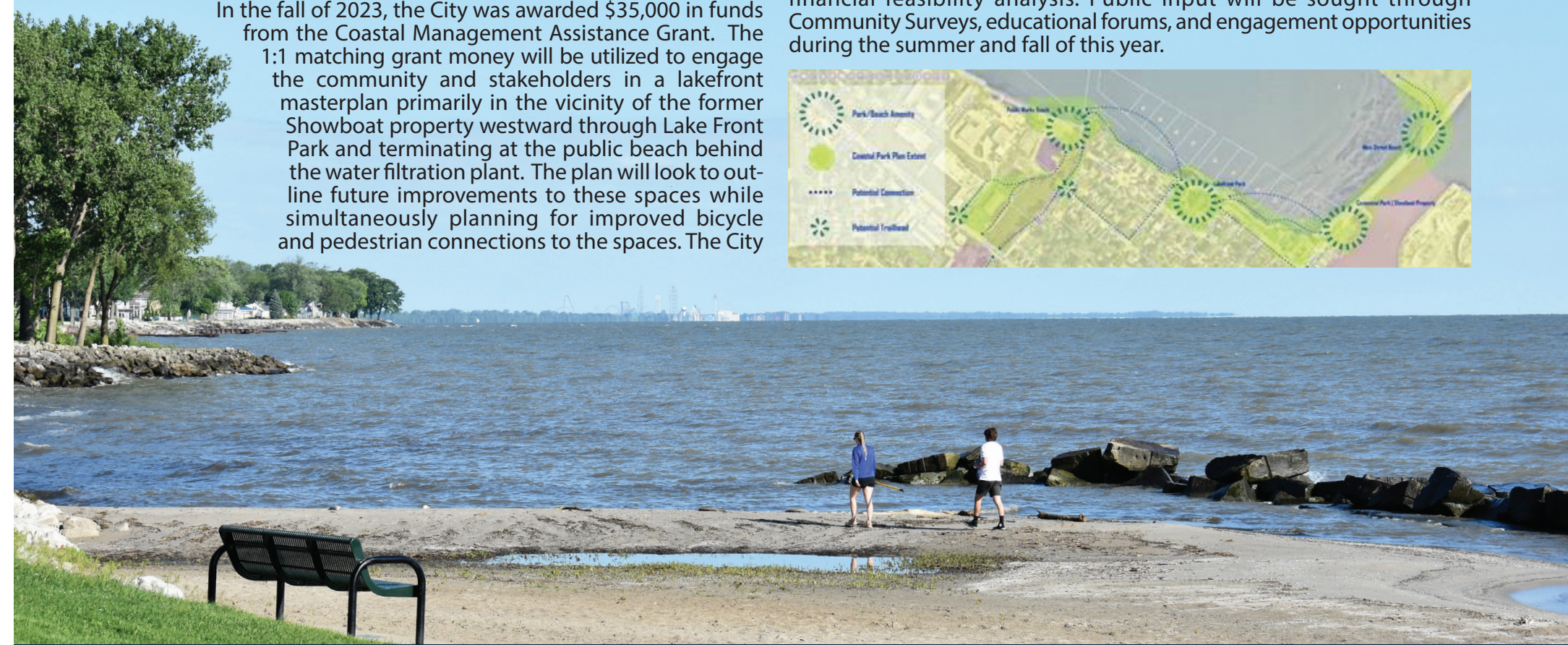
The Coastal Management Assistance Grant program is a competitive annual grant opportunity offered through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Grants can be issued to eligible entities for water quality improvement, coastal planning, education programs, land acquisition, research, public access, habitat restoration, and other purposes.

In the fall of 2023, the City was awarded \$35,000 in funds from the Coastal Management Assistance Grant. The 1:1 matching grant money will be utilized to engage the community and stakeholders in a lakefront masterplan primarily in the vicinity of the former Showboat property westward through Lake Front Park and terminating at the public beach behind the water filtration plant. The plan will look to outline future improvements to these spaces while simultaneously planning for improved bicycle and pedestrian connections to the spaces. The City

issued a Request for Qualifications to select the desired architectural firm to lead the efforts. After reviewing several bids, OHM Advisors was awarded the opportunity.

In addition to enhancing the user experience, the implementation of nearshore habitat restoration will improve the natural environmental systems and will aesthetically enhance the historic and cultural significance of the surrounding neighborhoods. Overall, these impacts will be substantial and ultimately support the goals of the city to preserve and celebrate access to the water, foster an inclusive and diverse environment, and exemplify equity in access to its treasured waterfront amenities.

OHM Advisors has been hired to provide certified professional services to complete a Waterfront Parks Plan. The plan will include design solutions for coastal planning, park programming connectivity, environmental nearshore enhancements, best land use recommendations, and cost/financial feasibility analysis. Public input will be sought through Community Surveys, educational forums, and engagement opportunities during the summer and fall of this year.



South Main Street Work Underway

Both the South Main Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing project and the South Main Street Streetscape Enhancement and Wayfinding project are coming soon to South Main Street. A combination of recent bid projects has solidified the need and desire to mainstream Main Street.

The first project, the Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing project, is taking place following a steady stream of water main breaks due to aging pipes around South Main, Forest Hills, Valley View, and Hickory Streets. Street resurfacing will take place in the Forest Hills/Valley View neighborhood. During a recent Huron City Council meeting, the Council awarded the construction contract to Spear Brothers of Sandusky. Spear Bros. came in under the engineer's estimate with the lowest bid of \$2,549,899. The project began in late spring of this year. The City will initially utilize the Ohio Water Development Authority low-interest loan program to fund the project with the annual loan payments being made by revenue from water sales.

Subsequent to completion of the Water Main/Street Resurfacing Project,

the South Main Street Streetscape and Wayfinding Project will begin. The South Main Street Streetscape Project expands South Main Street from Bogart Road to US-6. The goal of the project is to increase vehicular and pedestrian flow, expand pedestrian space and provide opportunities for businesses to enhance their outdoor amenity space. These spaces, such as patios, will visually tie into the northern portion of Main Street.

From an aesthetic and logistic sense, the intention is to relocate utilities underground, incorporate a multi-purpose trail with landscape buffers/bioswales, incorporate pedestrian safety enhancements for the sidewalk/multi-use path over either side of the railroad track, extend the multi-use trail on the east side of the street from Bogart Road to Route 6, and add off-street parking with stormwater management to Standard Street. A scope meeting was held in mid-February with OHM Advisors who is the chosen architect and engineer for the project. Significant public outreach will occur in the summer, along with individualized meetings with property owners and businesses within the corridor. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2025.

Huron Water Superintendent Earns Prestigious Certification



Congratulations to

Huron Water Superintendent, Jack Evans for taking and passing his Class IV Water Supply Examination through the Ohio EPA in April. In the State of Ohio, Class IV is the highest level of certification to achieve. Over the past two years, Jack has put forth a great deal of time and dedication toward completing his thesis to earn this prestigious, high-level certification.

Passing the Class IV Examination is a huge achievement and something to be very proud of as there are only 148 Class IV certificate holders within the State of Ohio. Jack's achievement is not only a personal milestone of his but means a great deal to the Water Filtration Plant and the City as they seek reclassification to a Class IV facility.

Becoming a Class IV facility will enable Huron's Filtration Plant to produce and sell more water while tapping into the existing additional plant capacity.

Congratulations Jack!

HURON WATER FILTRATION PLANT OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH
6:30 - 7:30 PM

WATER FILTRATION PLANT
10 WATER WORKS DRIVE | HURON

The tour is limited to the first 20 RSVP's

Please be advised:
The tour does involve multiple staircases.

To RESERVE your SPOT on the TOUR:
e: jen.kilbury@huronohio.us
or p: 419/433-5000, ext: 1103

Understanding the Proposed Income Tax Increase

The City of Huron has several departments which are exclusively or heavily subsidized by the general fund and are not self-sustaining. These departments include Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Streets, and Stormwater. Even though these departments run very lean and efficiently, they are limited in their ability to generate departmental specific revenue to cover their operating expenses. Over the past several years, all five of these departments have continued to look for ways to further reduce costs and have significantly explored grant revenue opportunities to record levels in the city's history.

In the fall of 2023, both the Finance Committee and Huron City Council approved the 2024 budget process with the direction to staff to propose revenue enhancement opportunities. This direction was recommended to ensure the stability of operations and continuation of the level of services Huron residents expect.

In researching options to generate revenue, several important factors were considered. Staff's primary goals were to minimize the financial impact on residents and local businesses, ensure long-term stability of City operations and capital project planning and secure revenue enhancements that are flexible in how they can be used to benefit multiple departments and capital projects. Following a great deal of research and finding a means to accomplish all these goals, staff proposed the concept to increase the income tax rate from the current 1% (with no credit) to 1.75% (with a 100% credit).

This proposed income tax increase is estimated to generate an additional \$1.8M annually. Of this, \$450,000 or 25% would be paid by City residents (a result of the 100% credit), with the remaining \$1.35M or 75% paid by non-residents. This increase would be allocated directly to operations, capital equipment, and capital projects.

Following several months of research, a thorough

investigation, and feedback from four well-attended and interactive Community Public Outreach Conversations, staff presented the concept to the Finance Committee during their regularly scheduled public meeting on May 14, 2024. The Finance Committee members unanimously supported the proposal and recommended staff to present the Proposed Income Tax Increase to City Council. Once at the Council level in late June/early July, the proposal will go through the three-reading rule during open public meetings prior to being voted on. If approved by the Council, the final determination will lie within the hands of the voters as it would move to the ballot for the November election.



For additional information, to review the Proposed Income Tax Slide Presentation, have a better understanding of Taxable vs Non-Taxable Income as presented by RITA, or to see how this proposal could impact you or your family by using the Income Tax Calculator, log on to: www.cityofhuron.org/community/our-community/news-press-releases

Officer England Completes Project Lifesaver Program



Huron Police Officer Joe England recently completed the Project Lifesaver training. Project Lifesaver is a search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies.

The program is designed to help safety officials quickly locate people of all ages who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering and safely return them to their families, stated Officer England.

The program is designed to combine locating technologies, search and rescue methods, and course work that educates first responders about cognitive conditions. The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from potentially hours or days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver.

The program uses radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. A small transmitter is worn on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal. If the person were to wander off, the caregiver will be notified, and a trained emergency response team may begin searching in the area where the transmitter frequency is being detected. The trained first responders will know the best techniques in approaching a person who has wandered and allow them to be brought home safely.

"As Police Chief, I wanted to be a part of a program to provide our citizens with an asset to assist any individuals who may have wandering tendencies. By having one of our officers with the proper training and equipment readily available, we can provide a timely response to save lives and reduce the potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition," stated Police Chief Terry Graham.

In addition to having the skills to assist Huron residents, Officer England can assist other agencies requesting mutual aid in a search and rescue operation of an "at risk" individual.

"With the Project Lifesaver program and our recently acquired K9 unit, both will provide resources to assist with locating a missing person quickly. This approach to assist residents and their loved ones adds value to the community by giving family members peace of mind that there are services available to keep our residents safe," stated Police Chief Terry Graham.

Residents may now contact the Huron Police Department for additional information or to enroll their loved ones with a cognitive disorder. For more information, please contact the Huron Police Department's non-emergency line: 419/433-4114.

Projects Around Town

Chaska Beach, Old Homestead I & II Road Repairs

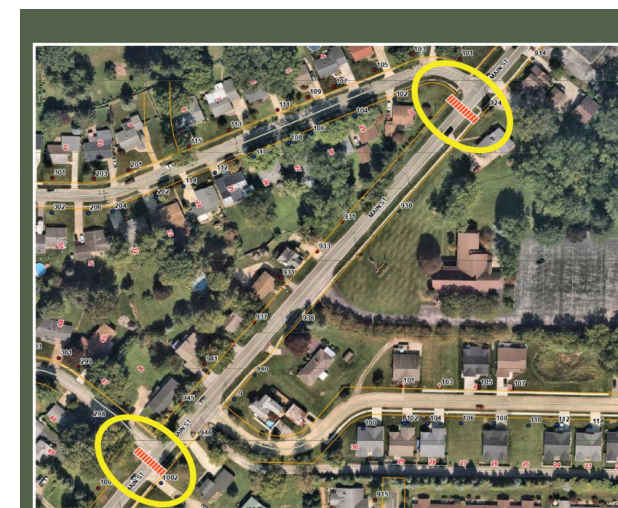
DL Smith Concrete LLC has steadily moved forward with a \$2.3M contract to reconstruct significant portions of the concrete streets within the Chaska Beach and Old Homestead I & II neighborhoods. Many of the areas in Chaska have already been addressed with new concrete and curbing poured. Work has continued through the Old Homestead I & II neighborhoods and is expected to be completed (weather dependent) on or around June 21st.



East Side Sidewalks Project

The City is currently in the process of obtaining a temporary right-of-way that is needed to permit construction work to occur. Once the acquisitions have been obtained, the southside portion will be put out to bid and the City is still hoping to begin construction on this project in the fall. Once completed, this will create a continuous off-road sidewalk connecting the eastern terminus of Huron all the way to the Huron Green subdivision.

Work began at the end of April on the northside portion of the project and is expected to be closed out by the end of June. The concrete has been poured and the restoration work has been completed. RMH Concrete and Foundations was the lowest and best bidder with a construction cost of \$52,309.50. This project now creates a dedicated sidewalk connection between Gateway Boulevard and Anchorage Circle. Eventually there will be a flashing beacon and crosswalk at Anchorage Circle connecting to Bald Eagle Drive.



Proposed Crosswalks

1. State Route 13 and Valley View Dr.
2. State Route 13 and Forest Hills Dr.

Two New Crosswalks Coming to South Main Street

To safely increase and promote connectivity in and around town, and in response to residents' requests, the City applied for a grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation to help cover the costs associated with adding crosswalks and safety measures to the South Main Street and Valley View Drive and Forest Hills Drive intersections. These crosswalks will be highly visible crossings with flashing beacons. In both cases the crosswalks will connect to existing sidewalks along South Main Street. The ODOT Systematic Safety Program grant has awarded 90% funding of the project.

The expected cost of the project is to be \$134,000. The crosswalk project is slated to take place following the South Main Street Water Main replacement and resurfacing project.

The City is appreciative of our funding partners at ODOT in helping make this project possible.

City of Huron Welcomes Bryan Edwards

Huron Boat Basin Marina Facility Manager



Meet Bryan Edwards, Huron Boat Basin Marina Facility Manager. In this newly created position, Bryan oversees both the marina and the Boat Basin & Amphitheater operations. Bryan is a lifelong Ohio resident, having been born and raised in Marblehead.

"As a 25-year resident of Huron, I understand the importance of the Boat Basin to the overall quality of life for the Huron community. The Parks & Recreation team have done an amazing job making Huron a desirable destination to not only visit, but to live, work, and retire. I hope to maintain that level of excellence while making the Boat Basin a central gathering place for generations of people to come," stated Edwards.

Bryan's goals and objectives in this new role include:

- To provide operational excellence: through supervising dockhands, managing staff assignments, and overseeing facility maintenance to ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of the marina and amphitheater.
- Plan and execute promotional activities: coordinate special events, including musical entertainment, seasonal performances, and participation in various boat shows to showcase the marina.
- Assist in developing both short and long-range plans for the marina programs including strategies for enhancing marina services and attracting visitors.
- Establishing and maintaining boater relations by acting as a liaison between the marina and various boating groups and overnight boaters. This includes providing information about the marina, the surrounding area, local attractions, places to eat and more.

Having attended Bowling Green State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in business, with a minor in English, Bryan worked at Cedar Point from 1992 to 2015, mostly in the marketing department as spokesperson for the park. After leaving Cedar Point, he worked for Lake Erie Shores & Islands as their director of marketing, before leaving in 2021 to start his own consulting business.

Bryan is married to his wife, Angie, and together they have four kids and a dog.

Save the Date

- June 15**
Townline 26
Country, Rock & Bluegrass
7 PM
- June 29**
Huron Rotary Fine Arts Festival
Monica Robins and the Whisky Kings
huronrotary.com
- July 6**
Red, White & Blues BANG
Music begins @ 6PM
Cleveland's Backstreet Blues Band
Blue Lunch
FIREWORKS
- July 12-14**
Huron River Fest
huronriverfest.com
FIREWORKS
- July 20**
Cruisin
Music from the 50's thru today
7 PM
- July 27**
Christmas in July
Rumours
A Fleetwood Mac Tribute
7 PM
- August 3**
K-96 Summer Jam
wkfm.com
5 PM
- August 10**
Super Beatle
Beatles music featuring
former members of Backbeat
7 PM
- 25th Annual All Classics Festival**
A celebration of vintage boats & cars. Music,
food & fun!
FIREWORKS
- August 17**
Master TFC & the Visitor
Rock, Funk and R&B
7 PM
- August 24**
SOBOS
Best classic rock of the 70's & 80's
7 PM
- October 12**
Pumpkin Fest
A fun, family, Fall festival
- December 7**
Winter Fest
A holiday family festival
FUN for EVERYONE!
FIREWORKS

New for the 2024 Summer Season:

The Huron Boat Basin & Amphitheater, Civista Bank, and Firelands Symphony Orchestra have partnered to present a special orchestra concert series this summer at the Huron Boat Basin Amphitheater on Sunday evenings.

- July 21 – Firelands High Frequency Flute Quartet**
7 PM
- July 28 – Firelands String Quartet**
7 PM
- Aug. 4 – Firelands Brass Quintet**
7 PM
- Aug. 11 – Samba de Cidade Drumming Ensemble**
7 PM